Evening Prayer on Sunday – ADVENT 1

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Preparation

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Reveal among us the light of your presence
That we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness, to you be glory and praise for ever. As evening falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. May your word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path that we may behold your coming among us. Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness and free our tongues to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purpose of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of God

Psalm 25
Isaiah 1.1-20

Canticle

Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

1'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord,
'and bringing my reward with me,
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

2 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

3 Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter into the city through the gates.

4 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you,
with this testimony for all the churches.

5 'I am the root and the offspring of David,
I am the bright morning star.'

6 'Come!' say the Spirit and the Bride;
'Come!' let each hearer reply.

7 Come forward, you who are thirsty, let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Matthew 21.1-13

Responsory

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.
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in your word is my hope.
There is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.
In your word is my hope.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.

The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**

3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

**4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

**6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

**8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith
**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**
We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**
We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

Prayers

Be with us today

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The prayer of Christ the King

Christ Our King
Fill us with your love that we may gladly speak for you, work for you and live our whole life for you until all join with us in endless praise of you. **Amen**

The Collect of the day

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reflection

The Conclusion

Our Lord says, "I am coming soon"
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

Notices
*Lines are unmuted (*1)*

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**